

Robert Scheffel "Schef" Wright

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Schef Wright practices extensively on matters involving utilities and energy law. With more than 38 years of experience working directly on energy issues in Florida, he currently specializes in representing electricity consumers, alternate energy developers and suppliers, including power producers using biomass, solar, and other renewable energy resources, independent power producers, and local governments with utility issues. He has worked extensively on electric utility rate cases, power purchase contract negotiations and litigation, power plant siting and permitting cases, power line undergrounding dockets, and franchise negotiations. Mr. Wright is a frequent speaker on energy issues and taught Energy Law and Policy at the FSU College of Law in 2003.

He is AV-rated by Martindale-Hubbell and is admitted to practice in all Florida state courts, the Supreme Court of the United States, the Eleventh Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, and the Northern and Middle U.S. District Courts in Florida. Before receiving his law degree with High Honors from the Florida State University College of Law in 1992, Mr. Wright received a B.A. in Economics with Highest Honors from the University of Florida in 1971, and an M.A. in Economics from Duke University in 1973. He served as a senior analyst in Governor Bob Graham's Energy Office from 1980 until 1982, and as a senior economist and bureau chief on the staff of the Florida Public Service Commission from 1982 until 1988.

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EXPERIENCE

September 2011 to present: Partner (Shareholder), Gardner, Bist, Bowden, Bush, Dee, LaVia & Wright, P.A. Personally Martindale-Hubbell AV-rated. My responsibilities include extensive legal representation of clients in proceedings before the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC), managing teams of attorneys and expert witnesses in litigation before the FPSC, civil litigation on disputes regarding energy issues, generally as expert co-counsel on substantive energy law and FPSC issues, negotiating for clients on energy matters including power purchase contracts, utility undergrounding issues, franchise negotiations, specific rate issues and rate case settlements, support for clients' legislative efforts, and advising and consulting with clients on a wide range of utility regulatory matters. My areas of expertise include regulatory aspects of power plant and transmission line siting; renewable energy, including solar and biomass power, waste-to-energy, cogeneration, and independent power law and policy; power purchase agreements for conventional power and renewable energy; underground utility conversions and charges (Contributions in Aid of Construction); utility franchise negotiations; standby rates for cogenerators; power plant need determinations; natural gas regulation and rates; energy conservation; cost of service allocation methods; rate design; tariff structure and administration; interruptible service and rates; and water and wastewater regulation.

January 2006 to August 2011: Partner (Shareholder), Young van Assenderp, P.A. Same responsibilities, practice areas, and experience as above.

May 1994 to December 2005: Partner (Vice President), Landers & Parsons, P.A. Same responsibilities, practice areas, and experience as above.

June 1993 to May 1994: Attorney/Of Counsel, Fine, Jacobson, Schwartz, Nash & Block, and President, West Park Group, Inc. Same responsibilities and practice areas as above. Practiced as an expert witness on cost of service and rate issues through West Park Group, Inc.

April 1, 1993 to May 31, 1993: Attorney/Sole Practitioner, Robert Scheffel Wright, P.A. and President, West Park Group, Inc. Same responsibilities and practice areas as above. This was a transitional solo practice venture while Fine Jacobson and I negotiated our "Of Counsel" affiliation.

November, 1988 to March 1993: Attorney (formerly Resident Economist & Class B Practitioner), Wiggins & Villacorta, P.A., and Vice President and Principal Consultant, West Park Group, Inc. Admitted to the Florida Bar, November 23, 1992. Same responsibilities and practice areas as above.

Representative Clients - Legal: The Florida Retail Federation; Orlando Utilities Commission; City of Destin; Ecoplexus, Inc.; Gainesville Renewable Energy Center, LLC; Biomass Investment Group, LLC; Energy 5.0, LLC; INGenco (landfill gas development company); City of Lake Worth; City of Vero Beach; City of Sarasota; City of Marianna; City of Monticello; City of Miami Beach; Pinellas County; Sarasota County; Monroe County; Gainesville Regional Utilities; Town of Palm Beach; Town of Jupiter Island; City of Melbourne; NTE Energy, LLC; Municipal Underground Utilities Consortium; Calpine Corporation; Barron Collier Companies; Duke Energy North America; Montenay Power Corp. and Miami-Dade County, Florida (waste to energy matters); Caithness Energy and its affiliate, Lake Cogen, Ltd.; Pasco Cogen, L.P.; Northern Star Generating Company and its affiliate, Orlando Cogen, Ltd.; Constellation Power Development, Inc.; Utilities Commission of New Smyrna Beach, Florida; the Flagler County Utility Regulatory Authority; Lee County, Florida (waste-to-energy and utility rate matters); Peoples Gas System, Inc.; Indiantown Gas Company, Inc.; and other Florida cities and towns that I assist with franchise and undergrounding issues.

Representative Clients - Consulting: City of Tallahassee, Florida Electric Department; Florida Office of Public Counsel; Michigan Department of Attorney General; Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor; The United Illuminating Company; Florida Energy Office; and Hadson Development Corporation.

Representative Legal Proceedings:

1. Power plant and transmission line need determination and certification proceedings and related appellate proceedings. Specific projects include the Gainesville Renewable Energy Center, a 102 MW biomass-fueled power plant, expansions of the Miami-Dade County Resources Recovery Facility and the Okeelanta power plant, and the Osprey Energy Center, a 540 MW gas-fired plant in Polk County.

2. Electric utility rate cases, including FPL rate cases in 2001-2002, 2005, 2009, and 2012; Progress Energy (now Duke Energy Florida) rate cases in 2005, 2009, and 2012; Tampa Electric Company rate cases in 2008 and 2013; Gulf Power Company 2013 rate case; nuclear power issues, including both the PSC's ongoing Nuclear Cost Recovery Clause dockets and settlements with Duke Energy in 2012 and 2013 regarding its nuclear projects; and storm cost recovery proceedings following the 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons.
3. Civil litigation, on behalf of independent power producers, involving power sales contract disputes, and related appellate proceedings; also civil litigation involving municipal efforts to acquire utility facilities under franchise agreements (City of Marianna v. Florida Public Utilities Company).
4. Proceedings before the Florida Public Service Commission involving the Commission's jurisdiction to resolve cogeneration contract disputes and to approve modifications to cogeneration contracts.
5. Florida PSC rulemaking proceedings, including the 2005-2006 dockets to amend the PSC's rules relating to electric distribution reliability and CIACs for underground conversions; 1992-94 docket in which the Commission adopted its so-called "Bid Rule," the PSC's 2002 docket to consider amending the Bid Rule, and the PSC's 2000-2003 docket to amend its Cogeneration Rules.
6. Electric Franchise Agreement negotiations on behalf of Florida cities and towns.
7. Electric Utility Rate Cases in Florida, Michigan, and Indiana.
8. Energy Conservation Goals and Energy Conservation Cost Recovery dockets.
9. Civil litigation and regulatory proceedings relating to the proposed acquisition of Florida Water Services Corporation by the cities of Gulf Breeze and Milton, Florida.

Power Purchase Agreement Negotiations

1. Gainesville Renewable Energy Center PPA with GRU.
2. Renegotiation of power purchase agreement between City

of Vero Beach and Orlando Utilities Commission.

3. Lake Worth - OUC Interlocal Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Electric Energy and Capacity and Asset Management Services.
4. Energy 5.0 LLC Solar Power PPA with Tampa Electric Co.
5. Calpine/Osprey Energy Center PPA with Seminole Electric.
6. Okeelanta PPA (as-available energy) with FPL.
7. Biomass Investment Group PPA with Progress Energy.
8. Bay County Resource Recovery PPAs with Gulf Power.

January 2003 to May 2003: Adjunct Professor, Florida State University College of Law. Designed and taught Energy Law & Policy.

March 1982 to November 1988: Florida Public Service Commission. Chief, Bureau of Electric Rates, 1988; Senior Economist, Bureau of Electric Rates, 1984-1987; Senior Economist, Division of Research, 1982-1984.

December 1980 to February 1982: Governmental Analyst III, State of Florida, Governor's Energy Office.

February 1979 to December 1980: Legislative Analyst V, Kentucky Legislative Research Commission.

July 1976 to February 1979: Senior Economist, promoted to Principal Economist, Program Evaluation Division, Minnesota Legislative Auditor's Office.

September 1974 to June 1976: Assistant Professor of Economics and Paracollege Tutor in Economics, Saint Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota.

September 1971 to August 1974: Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. Full time graduate study. Developed and taught a course in Economics of the Environment, Fall 1973, the first offering of such a course at Duke.

EDUCATION

The Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, Florida: J.D. with High Honors, May 1992.
Class rank: 8th of 175.

Duke University, Durham, North Carolina:
 Master of Arts in Economics, May, 1973.
 Fields: Environmental Economics, Industrial
 Organization, and Public Finance.

The University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida:
 Bachelor of Arts with Highest Honors in Economics,
 June, 1971.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Martindale-Hubbell AV Rating, 2002.

The Florida State University College of Law:
 Order of the Coif; Class rank - 8th of 175;
 Law Review, 1990-1992; Associate Editor, 1991.
 Book Awards: Legal Writing; Alternative Dispute
 Resolution; Remedies; Litigation Seminar; Federal
 Jurisdiction.

Duke University: James B. Duke Fellowship in Economics,
 1971-1974.

University of Florida:
 Dean's List, 1967-1968, 1968-1969, 1970-1971; Omicron
 Delta Epsilon, the Economics Honor Society, inducted
 1970; Phi Eta Sigma, the Freshman Honor Society,
 inducted 1968.

PERSONAL DATA

Born January 25, 1950 in Miami, Florida.
 I have two wonderful sons, Austin and Christopher.
 Height: 6'0" Weight: 159 lbs. Health: Excellent